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Proceedings.



June.

THE fifteenth semiannual meeting of the Society was held at the Theological Seminary in Hartford, June 2 and 3, 1887.

In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order, at 3 P.M., by the Vice-President, Prof. Bissell, who asked Prof. Fred-eric Gardiner to take the chair.

Dr. Andrews, for the Committee of Arrangements, reported the usual programme.

June 2, afternoon, papers.

“ 2, evening, business and notes.

“ 3, morning, papers.

This report was adopted.

The first paper, on “Mill’s Statement respecting the Elzevir Editors,” was read by Dr. Hall. There followed an interesting discussion on the subject of Greek Testaments, in which the great collections, such as those of Prof. Reuss and Harvard University, found mention. Dr. Hall himself claimed to have one of the largest in existence.

The second paper on the programme was deferred at the request of the author, Mr. Richardson.

There was next presented a paper by Prof. Gardiner, on “The Language of the Epistle to the Hebrews,” which was discussed by Messrs. Schaff, Merrill, Beecher, Andrews, and Bissell.

After this a recess until 7.30 in the evening was taken.

At the second session Prof. Bissell presided.

The first business was the appointment of a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz. : Messrs. Schaff, Jackson, and Cobb.

The Secretary then reported concerning the *Journal*.

On motion the chair appointed Prof. Goodwin a committee to draft a minute for the *Journal* on the death of Prof. Matson-Meier Smith, deceased since the last meeting.

The Treasurer next made his report for the year just closed, and it was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Andrews and Nott.

The committee on nominations having returned, through its Secretary, Mr. Cobb, reported the following list of officers : —

Prof. Frederic Gardiner,	<i>President.</i>
Prof. E. C. Bissell,	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Prof. H. G. Mitchell,	<i>Secretary.</i>
Prof. W. J. Beecher,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Prof. D. R. Goodwin,	} <i>Council.</i>
Prof. Francis Brown,	
Dr. I. H. Hall,	
Rev. W. H. Ward,	
Prof. E. Y. Hincks,	

The report was adopted and the gentlemen named declared elected.

Prof. Schaff offered the following resolution, and it was unanimously adopted : —

Resolved, That we tender our thanks for the long and faithful services of the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, as President, and

That we yield with regret to his expressed desire to be relieved of the duties, but

That we urgently request him to retain his position as a member of the Council.

The Secretary reported the following names with the recommendation of the Council that they be made members of the Society : —

Rev. E. C. Haskell,	Stromsbury, Neb.
Mr. J. H. Dodge,	Boston, Mass.
Rev. F. D. Harriman,	Middle Haddam, Conn.
Rev. L. F. Badger,	Groveland, N.Y.

They were all elected.

Prof. Gardiner read notes, by Prof. Goodwin, on various passages in the Revised Version, which were followed by remarks on this translation by Messrs. Schaff, Hall, Frederic Gardiner, and Cobb.

Mr. Jackson called attention to a curious book on the Apocalypse by Eberhard Fischer.

Dr. Andrews read a note on the phrases *συ εἶπες* and *συ λέγεις*, which was discussed by Messrs. Hall, Gardiner, and Cobb.

Dr. Hall had with him copies of several interesting books, which he described : von Gebhardt's Tischendorf's New Testament ; "Syrus

Interpres," by J. W. Reusch, 1741; "Clavis Syriaca," by H. F. Whish; "Nonnulla Matthaei et Marci enunciata," by J. G. C. Adler, 1784.

Prof. Schaff presented a note on "The Number of the Uncial MSS."

Prof. Mitchell suggested a rendering for Isa. vii. 25, different from that of the English Bible.

At the third session, which began at 9 o'clock A.M., additional names were reported from the Council, viz. : —

Rev. William Ormiston,	New York, N.Y.
Rev. J. T. Duryea,	Boston, Mass.
Rev. P. S. Moxom,	Boston, Mass.

These also were elected members.

The fourth paper was by Dr. Merrill, on "The Discovery of the Second Wall as affecting the site of the Holy Sepulchre." After its presentation, with drawings and illustrations, the author answered a variety of questions with reference to the topography of Jerusalem.

The fifth paper, on "Authenticity and Genuineness," was read by Mr. Richardson, and discussed by Messrs. Merrill, Beecher, Andrews, and Gardiner.

Prof. Mitchell next read two short papers, the first on "Partitives after Numerals in Hebrew," and the second on Isa. viii. 20. Messrs. Cobb, Beecher, and Gardiner took part in the discussion which followed.

The auditing committee reported as follows : —

HARTFORD, June 3, 1887.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, declare that they have examined said accounts, and compared the items with the vouchers, and find them correct.*

JOHN NOTT, } *Committee.*
S. J. ANDREWS, }

The Secretary read an invitation from the President of Trinity College to visit its buildings and grounds. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and President Smith elected a member of the Society.

The eighth paper of the meeting was read by Dr. Hall; subject, "The Lives of the Prophets."

* For the report, see p. 70.

The Secretary, for the Council, announced that the next meeting would be held in New York, and the Society adjourned.

There were present at one or more of the sessions the following members : Messrs. Andrews, Beckwith, Beecher, Bissell, Chambers, Cobb, Ferguson, Frederic Gardiner, Hall, Harriman, Hazen, Jackson, Merrill, Mitchell, Nott, Prentice, Richardson, Schaff, and Stevens.

H. G. MITCHELL,

Secretary.

December.

The sixteenth semiannual meeting of the Society was held at Union Theological Seminary, in New York, on the 28th of December, 1887.

The meeting was called to order at 2.30 P.M., by Prof. Bissell ; the President, Prof. Gardiner, being unavoidably absent.

Before the regular business of the Society, it was voted to give Prof. Post, who was present, an opportunity to speak on the Archæological Institute, which it is proposed to establish in connection with the Syrian College at Beyrout. He occupied about ten minutes.

The Committee of Arrangements then reported through Prof. Francis Brown, recommending three sessions as usual, at the first and last of which papers should be read, and at the second business transacted and notes presented. The report was adopted.

The first paper, on "Ur Casdim," was read by Prof. Francis Brown. Dr. Ward and Profs. Bissell and Peters took part in a discussion of it, after it was finished.

The second paper, on Heb. x. 27, was read by Dr. Crosby. Remarks on it were made by Profs. Goodwin, Evans, and Bissell.

The third paper was by Dr. Hall ; subject, "The Cave of Treasures." Dr. Ward spoke briefly to the same subject.

The fourth paper, by Mr. Dickerman, treated of "The Names Jacob and Joseph in Egypt." Dr. Ward and Profs. Bissell, Peters, and Goodwin took part in the discussion of it.

At 5.30 a recess until 7.30 was taken.

The second session was begun by the reading of a brief paper from Prof. G. F. Moore : "A Description of a Fragment of the Samaritan Pentateuch (Ex. viii. 16 to xxx. 28) in the Library of Andover Theological Seminary."

The proper order of the session was then taken up, and various items of business transacted. On the recommendation of the Council, it was voted that the Treasurer be requested to act as Secretary

in the absence from the country of Prof. Mitchell for the rest of the year.

The following gentlemen were recommended by the Council, and elected members by the Society : —

Prof. Gross Alexander,	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. W. B. Wright,	New Britain, Conn.
Rev. E. L. Houghton,	Springfield, Mass.
Rev. Daniel Merriman,	Worcester, Mass.
Prof. R. F. Harper,	New Haven, Conn.
Prof. I. M. Price,	Morgan Park, Ill.
Rev. W. N. Clarke,	Hamilton, N.Y.
Rev. W. R. Wright,	Fort Ann, N.Y.

Several notes were next presented.

Prof. Goodwin read one on "The Polarity of Prepositions."

Dr. Hall exhibited a manuscript of the three liturgies used by the Nestorians, belonging to Dr. W. C. Prime, and read some notes on his translation of "The Lives of the Prophets," by Prof. Noeldeke.

Prof. Bissell read a note on "Josh. xxii. 9-34 and the Israelitish Cultus."

After these notes the Secretary read a paper on "The Idea of God in Amos."

It was then voted that the papers whose authors were not present, should be read by title.

The rough minutes were finally read, and the Society adjourned.

There were present at one or both of the sessions : Messrs. Bissell, Briggs, Brooks, Francis Brown, Burroughs, Crosby, Dickerman, Evans, Ferguson, Goodwin, Hall, W. R. Harper, R. F. Harper, Hart, Mitchell, Peters, Schaff, and Wood.

H. G. MITCHELL,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JUNE 11, 1886, TO JUNE 2, 1887.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, June 11, 1886, as per last Report . . .		\$338 16
Dues : Initiation Fees	\$120 00	
Annual Dues	443 35	
		<hr/> 563 35
Interest on Deposits		5 97
Received for <i>Journals</i>		55 59
		<hr/> \$963 07
Total		

Disbursements.

<i>Journals</i> : 1885	\$269 00	
1886, Part I.	338 00	
		<hr/> \$607 00
Salary of Secretary, June, 1886, and Jan., 1887		50 00
Collections on Checks		1 15
Treasurer's Expenses :—		
Printing	\$3 00	
Postage	5 00	
Envelopes	80	
		<hr/> 8 80
Cash to Secretary for Expenses		15 00
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1887		281 12
		<hr/> \$963 07
Total		

Resources.

Cash Balance	\$281 12	
Dues yet unpaid	196 00	
		<hr/> \$477 12
Total		

Liabilities.

Bill of Cushing & Co., for <i>Journal</i> of 1886, Part II.	\$277 80	
Salary of Secretary to June 1, 1887	25 00	
		<hr/> \$302 80
Total		

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS J. BEECHER, *Treasurer.*